TIMBOON P-12 School is celebrating this week after being named finalists in two categories in the Victorian Education Excellence Awards.

The school was nominated and short-listed in the Outstanding Partnerships with Families and Communities and News Australia Outstanding Curriculum Innovation categories for the Timboon Agriculture Project (TAP).

TAP is a school initiative which involves the wider community and sees agriculture studies integrated into students' core learning subjects.

It is an initiative of West Vic Dairy’s Promoting Dairy Careers project, funded in its scoping phase by the Gardiner Foundation.

School principal Rosalie Moorfield said she was proud, not only of the teaching staff, but of the support of the local community for helping to make the program a success.

“We are focused on providing our students not only with an excellent education, but also the skills, knowledge and opportunities to choose from a diverse range of career pathways,” she said.

“Academic excellence is supported by opportunities to apply that learning in the real world, not just the classroom.

“The school is honoured that the Timboon Agriculture Project has been selected as a finalist in two categories in the prestigious Victorian Education Excellence Awards.”

Assistant principal Sean Fitzpatrick said it was an honour just to be short-listed for the awards.

He said a group of core staff members which had been an integral part of designing the TAP curriculum as well as members of the agriculture steering group would be attending the awards.

“The program is achieving the goals we set out to do,” Mr Fitzpatrick said.

“it’s showing good learning opportunities for students and acknowledges where we are up to with engaging our community.”

The awards will be announced at a dinner on May 17.